

REMARKS

Claims 21-31 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of USPN 6,685,843. Submitted herewith is an appropriate terminal disclaimer.

In light of the submission of the terminal disclaimer, applicant earnestly believes the application to now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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